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Credentials of representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly

Second report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Michael John **Powles** (New Zealand)

1. The Credentials Committee held its 2nd meeting on 14 December 1998.

2. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 11 December 1998 concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, other than the credentials of the representatives considered by the Credentials Committee at its first meeting, on 20 October 1998 (see A/53/556), and at its special meeting, on 4 December 1998 (see A/53/726).

3. The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs made a statement relating to the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

4. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, and updated in the statement made by the Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, formal credentials in the form required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly had been received from the following 27 States: Angola, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Benin, Canada, Croatia, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lesotho, Nigeria, Paraguay, Poland, Qatar, Seychelles, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago and United States of America.

5. As indicated in paragraph 4 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly has been communicated to the Secretary-General, by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following 28 Member States: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Ecuador, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Micronesia (Federated States of), Palau, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and

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Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Vanuatu.

6. The Chairman proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraph 5 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible:

"*The Credentials Committee*,

"*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the second report of the Credentials Committee,

"*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

7 The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

8. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 11). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

9. The Credentials Committee deferred consideration of other matters.

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

11. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Having considered the second report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,[1]

Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee.

[1] A/53/556/Add.1.